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Different Types of Leaders Networking for the Health & Growth of the Church

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We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Eph. 2:10)

God uses certain types of leaders to prepare us for those good works (Eph. 4:11-12) and others to coordinate those good works. Still, others will be used to show us what those good works may be.

Hence, three types of leadership are essential for the church to effectively accomplish the work God has for us to do. Also Read:

- [Kinds of Leadership a Ministry Needs](#)
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1) Visionary leaders

- They help us see what those good works may be that God "prepared in advance for us to do."
- They help us see the potential God has for us.
- They help us "press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold" of us and not get stuck where we are or to think that we "have already obtained all this" (Phil. 3:12).

2) Administrative leaders

- They help us implement the tasks effectively remembering that we were "created in Christ Jesus to do GOOD works."
- They help us "do it all for the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31).
- They help us by designing procedures and coordinating programs that enable us to do those good works.

3) Shepherding leaders

- They help us be prepared spiritually to do those good works as "WE are His workmanship."
- They help us by feeding us, protecting us, comforting us, encouraging us, warning us, and guiding us.
- They help us by their example to remember that we must do all we do willingly in and because of love. (1 Pet. 5:2-3; Jn. 21:15-17)

We need all three kinds of leaders because . . .

1. People matter. -- "we are His workmanship"

Shepherding leaders tend to be more people-oriented.

2. Task matters. -- "created in Christ Jesus to do good works"

Administrative leaders tend to be more task-oriented.

3. Goals matter. -- "which God prepared in advance for us to do"

Visionary leaders tend to be more goal-oriented.

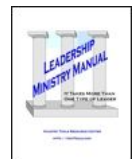
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all three of these types of leadership are valued and exercised in unity.

The [Leadership Ministry Manual](#) includes this content with some questions to guide you in thinking through the balance in church's leadership.

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